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Subject: Testing on Silicofluorides Needed

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Dear Dr. Masten:

I was very glad to hear that the NTP has nominated silicofluorides for comprehensive toxicological testing. In light of the fact that 90% of fluoridated water supplies in the United States are currently treated with silicofluorides, such testing is sorely needed.

I must say that I was quite surprised to read a November 2000 letter from the EPA's Robert Thurnau stating that the EPA had "no information on the effects of silicofluorides on health and behavior." (Letter available at http://www.fluoridealert.org/epa-masters.jpg)

Hopefully this rather striking oversight will soon be remedied.

Sincerely,

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